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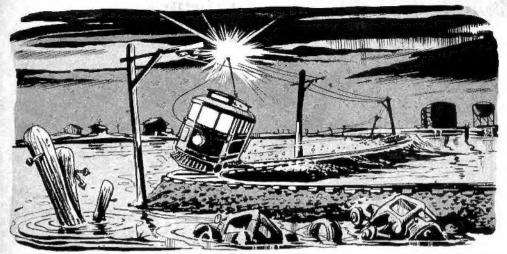
- THE LAST TROLLEY Hop aboard a \$100,000 ride into mystery. Travel Death's twisted track to Raven's Point. For The Spirit, it could be a one-way trip!
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- BEL SPIRITO The Spirit has witnessed many strange things on rainy nights. But to-night is the first time he has ever followed a ghost... straight to his own watery grave!
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MOSTLY THEY'RE GONE NOW, THE OLD TROLLEYS... JUSTAFEW STILL RUN ... LIKE THE OLD RAVEN'S POINTLINE, FOR EXAMPLE !!..

All day long, like drunken bugs, the creaky jallopies waddle their way through the noisy city, loading up with morning crowds which come back the same way at night....







The trolley-run from the heart of Central City to Raven's Point is only thirty twisted miles and can hardly be called A Great Adventure....

CLACKITY CLACK ... CLACK







CLACKITY CLACKE CLACKITY CLACK CLACKITY CLACK

Until 3 a.m... the trolleys come and go, getting emptier and emptier as the night grows deeper.... then, the last trolley. "The 29 Car"-clatters through the sleeping metropolis, rattles noisily across Central River Bridge, and with its cargo of human flotsam clickety-clacks for the Raven's Point barns.... From here until the end of the line there are no stops ... it is the dullest part of the trip!































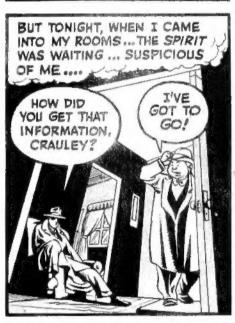




































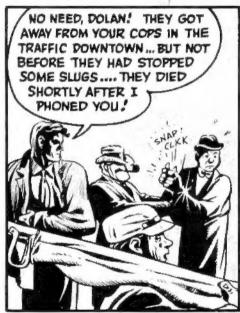










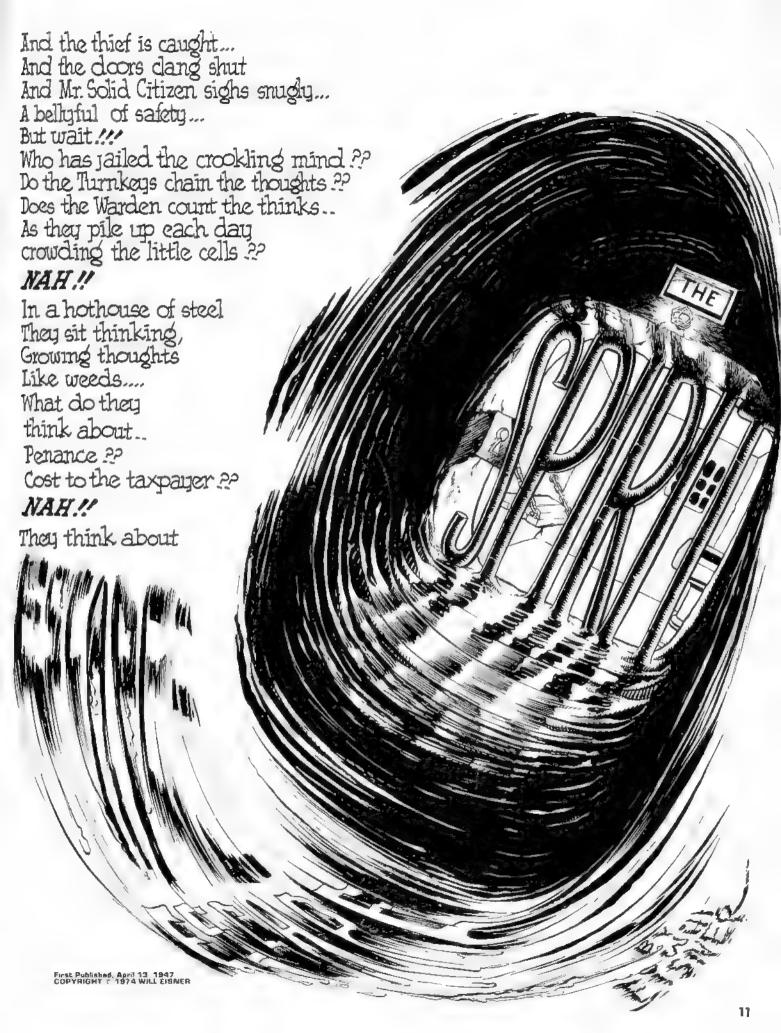






... At Raven's Point the trolleys trundle into the threadbare barns where they rest till dawn, when, in the words of switchman Sam Smipple....





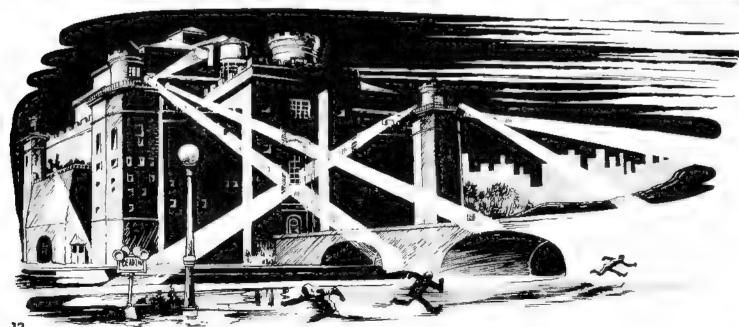














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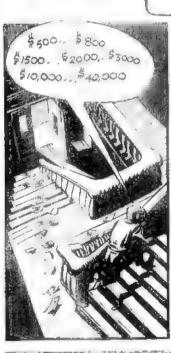
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STEPHEN BOYED alias SONNY BOYED

FIRST OFFENDER:

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL CRUEL FATHER

HISTORY :

SIX MONTHS UNDER. OBSERVATION AT BELLEVIEW HOSPITAL. MANIAC-DEPRESS-IVE.

PRISON RECORD:

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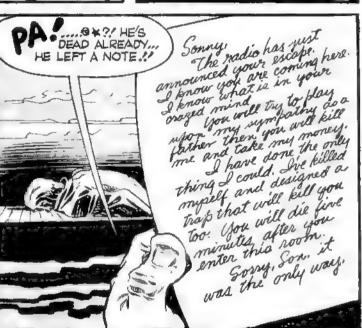


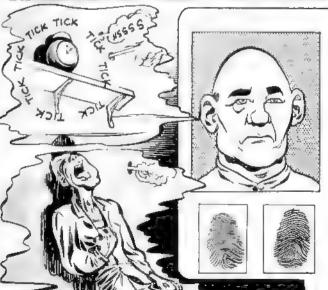












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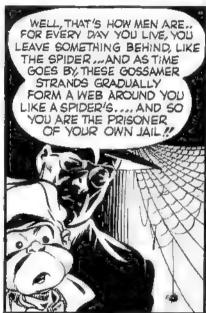
















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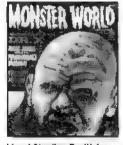
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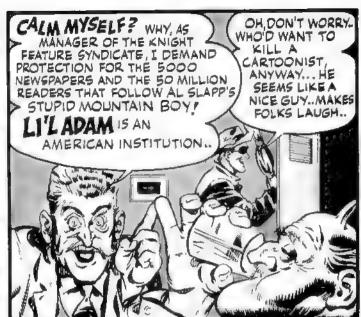




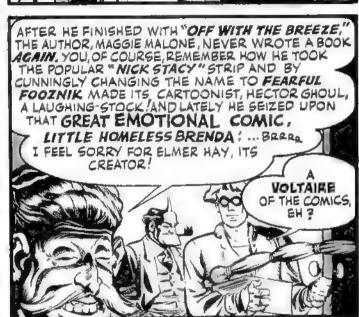






















































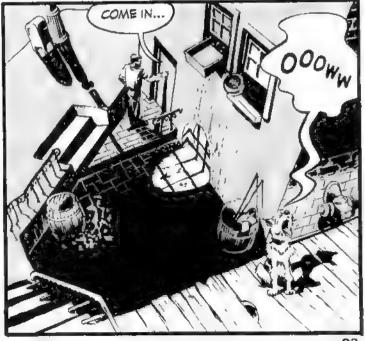


















I POURED MY HEART AND LOVE INTO IT. WHEN STACY LAY BLEEDING WITH WOUNDS.. I SOBBED AS I WORKED...





WHEN HE WON I EXULTED ...





BUT IN SLAPP'S HANDS FEARFUL FOOZNICK WAS A FOOL ...









I WENT TO HIM...I BEGGED...GROVELLED.. IMPLORED...



HE FINALLY RELENTED AND AGREED TO NEEDLE HOMELESS BRENDA...



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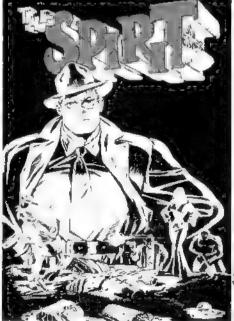
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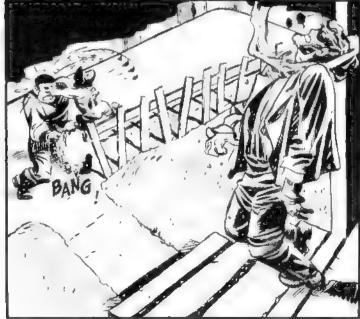














A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER. BACK IN









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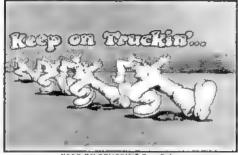






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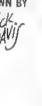
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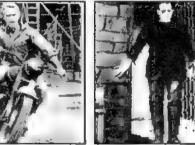
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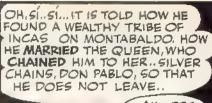




































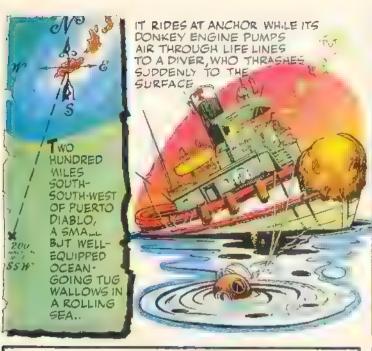
































ONCE IN THE PAST, SENOR SPIR.T I TO ARGUE WITH SAVED YOUR LIFE TO ARGUE WITH YOU, CASTANET.

EENTERFERE OR TRY TO COTT HEES AIR-LINES!

THAT'S ALL I NEED!





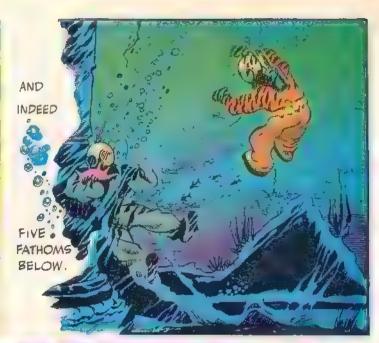
















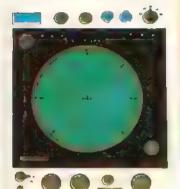








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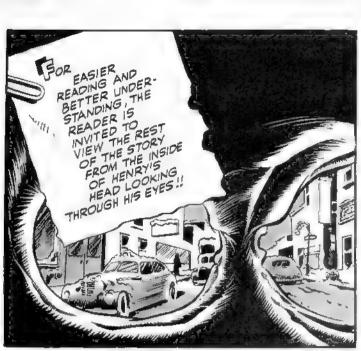
































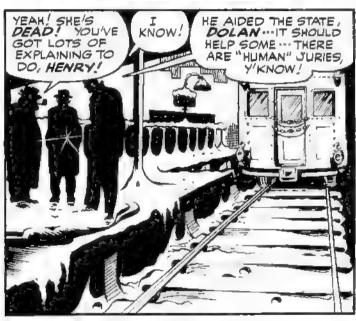




















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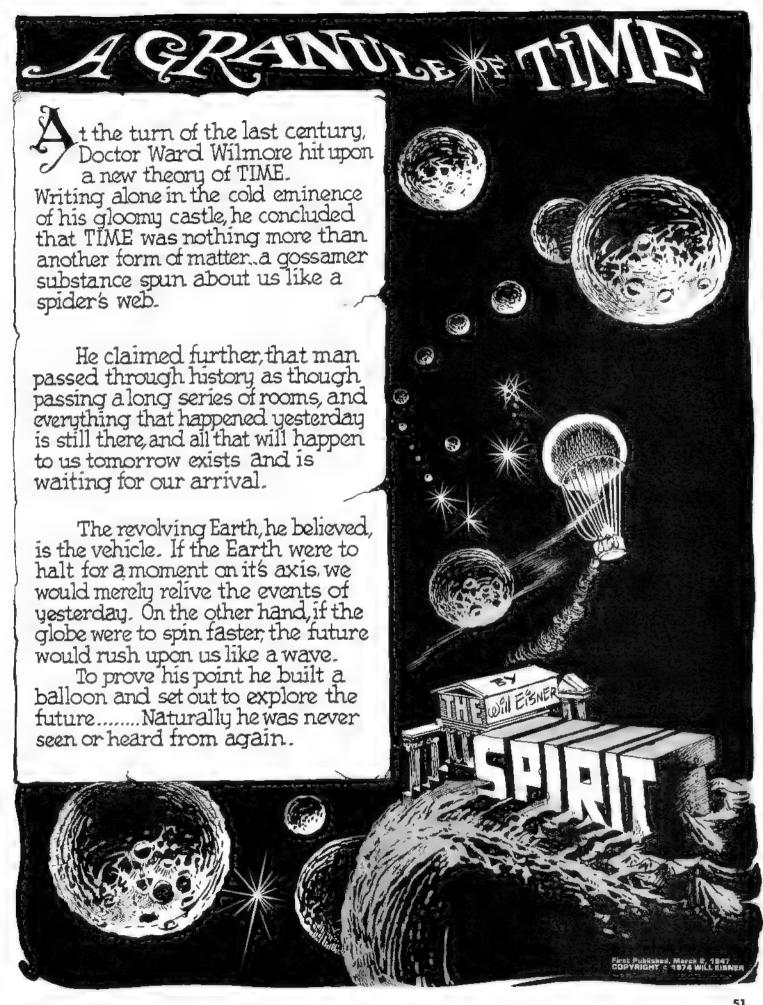


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IS ALIVE... I ALSO THINK
THAT SOME OUTSIDE
FORCE HAD CHANGED
THE METALLIC STRUCTURE
OF THIS PART AND
CAUSED THE CRASH...







GAD, SIR, I'M

ON THE EVE OF MY DISCOVERY, A MAN FROM THE FUTURE THE STEAKS MADE IN THE 25 H. CENTURY !!

TELL ME...WHAT WILL.
HAPPEN TO THIS DISCOVERY
WHAT DID YOUR HISTORY
BOOKS SAY ??

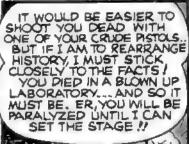


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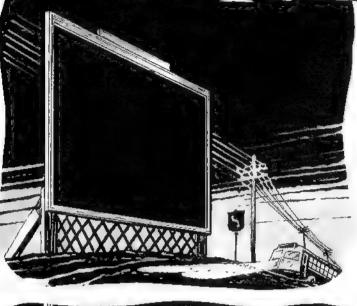




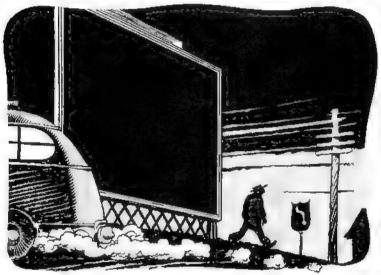
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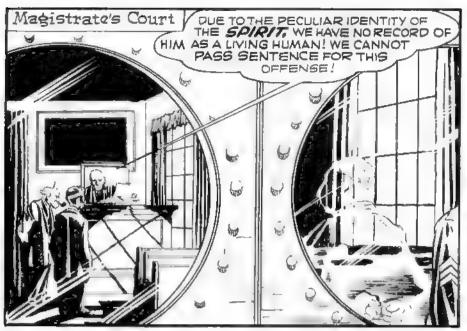
























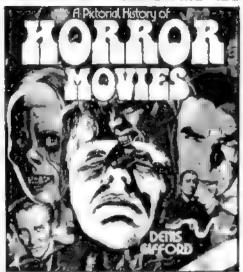
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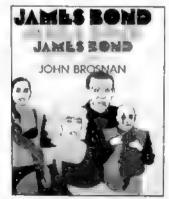
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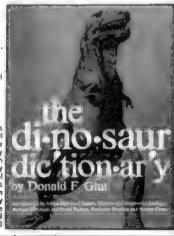
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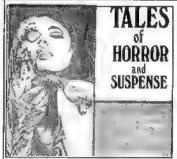
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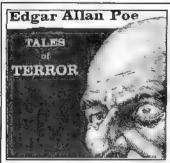
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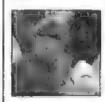
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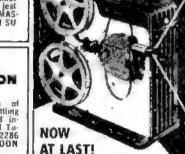
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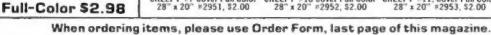








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